CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Wider Field."

This morning the business of the convention will be the receiving of reports from Sunday schools. A primary session will then be conducted by Mrs. J. F. Allen. Papers will be tead by Mrs. H. L. Sutton, Mrs. Jennie Conway and Mrs. M. Park. This afternoon the main business will be the reports of committees and the election of officers.

UNION BIBLE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Newell Will Conduct a Lesson on "The Gospels."

The Union Bible Conference will meet next Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church. At 3 p., m. Mr. Newell, assistant superintendent of the Moody Bible sistant superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, will conduct a lesson on "The Gospeis," which will be followed by a conference of the workers training class, conducted by the Reverend S. T. Mo-Kinney, who is a graduate of the same institute. At 5.p. m. Mr. Nowell will teach the international Sunday school lesson, and at 6.p. m. tunch will be served oil in attendance, At 7 o'clock there will be a special praise service, led by R. O. Bolt, musical director, assisted by Miss Grace Alexander, planist, and E. J. Wescett, organist. At 8 o'clock the regular Bible class work will begin, under the leadership of Mr. Newell. Last Taesday mant, there were 2,000 persons in attendance, and the indications are the large anditorium will be packed to standing room next Tuesday

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The theme for the personal workers training class will be, "Qualifications for Personal Work."

The lesson for the evening Bible class will include Exodus 13, xx, and the following are some of the more important questions that will be asked by Mr. Newell: Why did God ask Israel to consecrate to him the first-born? Why was no leaven permitted in connection with the Passover? Why did God corner Brael up, as related in chapter xiv, 1? Who hardened Pharaoh's heart? Of whom is Pharaoh a type? What was the secret of Moses's calmness as stated in chapter Mv. 13, 14? What in Christian experience answers to the dark was the secret of Moses's calmness as stated in chapter Mv. 13, 14? What in Christian experience answers to the dark was the secret of Moses's calmness as separating the Egyptans from Israel's What emboldened Pharaoh to follow Israel's What emboldened Pharaoh to follow Israel's different of the Moses's calmness as separating the Egyptans from Israel's What emboldened Pharaoh to follow Israel's different control of the Moses's calmness as the propelse character of the morning on "Coming to Christ," At 4 p. m. Evangelist Birch will siddress the young people, and will address the young people, and will also preach at night. The Reverend Doctor W. B. Palmore, different the People's Church, No. 816 North Eleventh street, to-morrow afferneon at 3 o'clock, His theme will be "The Overwill street, will siddress a gospel temperance meeting at the People's Church, No. 816 North Eleventh street, to-morrow afferneon at 3 o'clock, His theme will be "The Overwill street, and the following between the properties of the smitten rock?" Was it God's will that Moses should follow Jethro's advices.

This evening at the Central Christian Church will study the following between the properties and the reception programme. Declaration Church to-morrow the pastor, the Reverend Frank G. Tyrrell, former pastor, the Reverend Frank G. Tyrrell, former pastor, the Reverend Frank G. Tyrrell,

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

The Cook Avenue M. E. Church, South, will have a special musical service to-morrow evening, and the choir, composed of their daughter, Mrs. Annie Wecks Miller, Miss Midred D. Kellogg, soprano; Miss Mary Louise Harnett, alto; Doctor Wallass Mary Louise Harnett, alto; Doctor Mary Louise Ha

The praise service of the Second Baptist Church at Shaare Emeth Temple to-mor-row evening will include a special pro-gramme of music by the choir.

To-morrow evening at the First Congregational Church the Reverend C. H. Patton, pastor, will preach on, "Mozart and His Place/Among Composers of Religious Music." The discourse will be musically illustrated by the choir under the direction of Professor Kroeger, and all the music will be of Mozart's composition.

The fourth annual meeting of the Mis-nouri Branch of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Wash-



DISCUSS SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

St. Louis County Delegates Meet in Convention.

The twenty-third annual convention of the St. Louis County Sunday School Association was held yeaterday at Clayton and will essiting through this morning and afternson.

The opening exercises were conducted by S. Howard Smith after which an address of welcome was delivered by the Reverend J. M. Stultz, paster of the Christian Church.

Albert N. Edwards of Kirkwood, prestant of the association reviewed the work of the last year. The address was followed by the appeningent of the proposition reviewed the work of the association reviewed the work of the appeningent of the Christian Church, No. 326 Locuis street; deep of the School. The choir A. G. Souther gave a talk on "Good Things in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A. F. George on a "Five-Minute Normal Drid in the Sabbath School." and Doctor A



THE REVEREND D. R. LELAND, New Pastor of Tyler Place Presbyterian Church,

gaged as musical director at the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, and will begin his labors to-morrow.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Christian Church will serve a turkey supper next Wednesday evening, beginning at 6 o'clock. Home-cooked viands and deficacies of the season will be the order of the hour, and a cordial invitation is extended

This evening at the Central Christian Church, Finney avenue, near Grand avenue, a reception will be tendered the new pastor, the Reverend James McAllister, and the Reverend Frank G. Tyrrell, former partor. The wives of both ministers are also included in the reception programme. Doctor Tyrrell will fill the pupit of the Mouni Cabanne Christian Church to-morrow.

The Twentieth Century Club of the Non-sectarian Church will study the following biographies during November: Mark Twain, Edgar E. Poe, Frances A. Williard and Henry George. The club meets every Wednesday evening.

Rabbl Sale will speak on "The Co of the Community" at Shaare Emeth Tem-

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES. Topic: "Are You Doing Your

Best"? (Matt. xxv, 14-30.) The theme for discussion at all the young

people's societies to-morrow evening is,
"Are you doing your best?" founded on the parable of "The Talents," as recorded in Matt. xxv, 14-30.

The parable in question relates to the

The parable in question relates to the kingdom of God, under the simile of "a man traveling into a far country," and who called about him his servants and "delivered unto them his goods," As to the matter of distribution it is said: "To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every one, according to his several ability." Here is sketched in broad outlines Christ's own commitment of responsibility to his immediate distplies, and to his disciples in all ages. The responsibility is always commensurate to the ability of the individual in question. Christ never asks of us service in excess of the talents bestowed.

be seen that the gain was just 100 per cent, and in the last case nothing. What a vivri pleture of Christ's discipleship to-lay! Each according to his natural endowments has received certain gifts and graces which he is expected to use for the advancement of the kingdom of God. And yet how few there are that return a hundred per cent to the master. Too many are like the one who hid his lord's money in the earth, burying his talent and forestalling all his usefulness.

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But a day of reckoning is sure to come, and as in the case with those mentioned in the parable, some will be covered with honor and others with shame and punishment. When the one who had received the five talents reported other five, his lord said: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; I will make thee ruler over many things; I will make thee ruler over many things, I will make thee ruler over many things, I will make thee ruler over many things; I will make thee ruler over many things; I will make thee ruler over many things; I will make the faithful over a few threed in the case of the one who had received the two talents. But in the case of the one receiving the one talent the response was: "Thou wicked and slothful servant; thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not and gather where I have not strewed; thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received my own with interest. Take therefore the talent from him and give it to him which hath ton talents. And cast ye the unconfinable servant into

given rare opportunities for accomplishing much for the kingdom of God, while others have a narrow sphere, a sort of one-talent opportunity. But it is a duty which each one owes to the master to determine his own particular talent, and then make the most of it. Then shall he know the full import of the statement in the lesson, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which we hath."

CENTRAL Y. M. C. A. NOTES. Address on the Forward Movement -Talk on the Passion Play.

The "Ferward Movement," under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of this country, will be presented

To-morrow aftermon at 3 o'clock W. H. McClain will tell the story of the Passion Play, as seen at Oberaumergau this summer, to the junior detartment, Bible classes of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. McClain does not pose as a lecturer, but tells the story of the play as he saw it and as it impressed him on the occasion of his recent visit to the little village in the Bayarian Alps. The Reverend P. M. Hozlott will illustrate the marrative with sixty stereoglicon views, made from photographs taken the present year.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES.

e in Man."
PTON HEIGHTS, California and St. Vinti, the Reverend S. B. Moore, Pastor-Special
spel services; marning, "The Family of God
Earth and in Hawen", e.tming, "Why
ast Christ Die?" Doctor Dutcher will preach nt both services.

ELLENDALE: the Recerend A. J. Marshall,
Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

FRIST, Locust, near Compton, the Reverend F.
O. Pannon, Pastor-11 a. m., services as usual;

b p. m., second in a series on "The Man to Be
Avoided."

Avoided."
FIFTH, No. 2231 South Seventh, the Reverend W. F. Hannann, Pastor-11 a. m., "Pishers of Me"; 8 p. m., "The Lest Judament."
FOURTH, Penrose and Hair; the Reverend E. T. McFarland, Pastor-Morning, "Wmat Will You Do With Jesus" evening, "How to Hold Out Faithful." Evangelist Harlow will preach at both services.

Gillette, Pastor-Morning and as usual.

WEST END Plymouth and Hamilton, the Revered O. A. Bartholomew, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

Congregational.

CFNTRAL, Newsteed and Delmar; the Reverend Howard S. MacAyeal, Pastor II a. m., ecte-bration of the Luda's Supper, 8 p. m., "The Far Off Brought Nigh." Off Brought Nigh.
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, Estrett, and
Thompson, the Reverend F. E. Hall, Pastor—
Morning and evening services as usual,
COMPTON HILL, Compton and Lafayette, the
Beverend V. W. Newell, Fastor—19.45 a. m.,
The Way of Life', 8 p. m., "He Thou Strong
Therefore, and Show Thyself a Man."
[PRST, Delmar, near Grand; the Reverend Doctor C. H. Patton Fastor—11 a. m., "The Venture of Faith', 8 p. m., "Mozart Choral Service."

Community?"

HADE PARK, Bremen and Blair; the Reverend W. M., Jones, Ph. D., Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

LEMANUEL, Hancock and Jamieson; the Reverend Mitton J. Norton, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

FEXORIAL, Sulphur and Way; the Reverend Prank Foster, Pastor-Services at 11 a. m. and 145 p. m., as usual.

INION, No. 1813 Aorth Lenin; the Reverend St.
T. McKinney, Pastor-Merring and evening
services as usual.

MAPLEWOOD; the Reverend T. T. Holway, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

OLD ORCHARD; the Reverend Harry Rinnt,
Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

WEBSTER GROVES; the Reverend C. L. Kloss,
Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual,
HOPE-Belt and Easten; Mr. E. A. P. Haines,
Supply-Morning and evening services as usual,

Episcopai.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Thirteenth and Lecust: the fleverend C. M. Davis, Dean-7 a. no. and 8 a. m., boly communion; II a. m. and 8 p. m.; sermon and services.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION Cates and Goodfellow; the Reverend Doctor James R. Winchester, Rector-7 a. m., holy communion; II a. m. and 4:39 p. m.; sermon and services.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, Twenty-eighth and Washimton; the Reverend Robert E. Lee Craig, Rector-9 a. m., holy communion; II a. m. and 5 p. m., sermon and services. Morning. The Savrd and the Saving."

GRACE Eleventh and Warren; the Reverend J.

services.

ST. MARK'S, Fortieth and Washington; the Reverend J. K. Brennan, Rector-9 a. m., inly communion; il a. m., sermen and services.

ST. PETEL'S, Lindell and Spring; the Reverend William Short, Rector-11 a. m., sermen and services, 4.39 p. m., choral service.

ST. PHILIP'S, Union and Maple; the Reverend William Elmer, Rector-11 a. m. and 1 p. m., sermen and services.

ST. STEPHEN'S, Sixth and Rutger; the Reverend G. Tucketman, Rector-7 and 8 a. m., holy communion; 8 p. m., sermen and services.

TRINITY, Franklin and Cananing, the Reverend William Elardens, Rector-130 a. m., holy communion; Il a. m., and 145 p. m., sermen and services.

J. H. Gauss, Pastor-II a. m., "The Colmess Uprising"; evening, "Memorial Service of Christian Martyrs in China," illustrated with Screepticon.

CENTRAL (South), Lucas and Garrison; the Reverend A. F. Cair, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

COTE BRILLIANTE, highest Admining and evening services as usual.

CURBY MEMORIAL, Utah and Texas; the Reverend Doctor E. D. Walker, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

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CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, No. 239 North Grand; the Reverend F. T. Comnor, Pastor-Horning and the Reverend F. N. Roberts, Pastor-Services at 19:30 a. m., "The Real"; S. p. m., the Reverend F. N. Roberts, Pastor-Services at 19:30 a. m., 220 and 7:45 p. m. ETHICAL SOCIETT, Nineteenth and Locust; W. Itsiden, Lecture-II a. m., "The Good and Bad Side to Radyard Kipling."

GRAND AVENUE (U. P.), Grand and Forest Park Boulevard; the Reverend J. W. Ashwood, Parkor-Morning and eventage services as usual, FIRST, Washington and Sarah; the Reverend Loctor J. W. McKittrick, Tamor-Meraling, What Christ Says About the Holy Spirit'; evening, "A Rugged Machined," PRST (L. P.), Morgas and Nowscad; the Reverend Charles R. Watson, Passor-11 a. m., "Gitzenship", S. p. m., "Legal Opinions."
FIRST (German), Tenth and Rugger; the Reverend J. G. Kessier, France-mod. J. m., "The Reformation", 1730 p. m., "Thirty-first Anniversary of the Sunany School."
LAFAYETTI, PARK, Addien and Missouti, the Reverend Doctor S. C. Painter, Pastor-10720 a. m., "Christian Stewardship"; evening services as usual.
LEE AVENUE, Prairie and Lee: the Reverend in, "Christian Stewardship"; evening services as Buas.

LEE AVENUE, Prairie and Lee; the Reverend Heary Gardner, Pastor-Morning, "The Other Sheep"; evening, "Are You Doing Your Beat?" LUCAS AVENUE (Cumberland), Lucas and Cardinal; the Reverend Doctor B. F. Pullerton, Pastor-Morning, preaching by the pastor, Pastor-Morning, preaching by the pastor.

McCAUSLAND AVENUE, Benton; the Reverend H. F. Williams; evening, by the pastor.

McCAUSLAND AVENUE, Benton; the Reverend J. H. Beatl, Supply-Morning, "Foolion Beasting"; evening, "A Needlud Yrayer."

MEMORIAL TABERNACIE, Fifteenth and Carr; the Reverend H. Mashil, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

MENARD STREET MISSION, Memard and Julia; the Reverend Charles Stelzie, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

NORTH, Eleventh and Chambers; the Reverend J. G. Kleine, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

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EECOND, Taylor and Westminster; the Reverend S. J. Niccolis. D. D., Liz. D., Pantor-Morning service at 11 c lock; evening, "salvation to the Uttermost."

EECOND Germag, No. 4524 North Nineteenth; the Reverend J. F. Mueller, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.

TYLER PLACE, Flad and Spring; the Reverend Dean R. Leland, Pastor-elect-19:45 a. m., "The Conquering Christ."

WASHINGTON AND AND TOWNSTON. WASHINGTON AND COMPTON AVENUE, the service.

WEST, Maple and Maryville, the Reverend Dector F. L. Ferruson, Paster-Morning and evening services as usual.

WALNUT PARK (derman), Rollin and Harney, the Reverend F. H. Autderheide, Paster-Morning and Services and Properties of the Reverend F. H. Autderheide, Paster-Morning the Reverend F. H. Aufderheide, Pastor-Morn-ing and evening services as usual, WEBSTER GROVES: the Reverend Doctor W. H. Bates, Pastor-Morning and evening serv-ices as usual. WEBSTER GROVES: the Reverend Doctor W.
H. Bates, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.
COMPTON HILL CHAPEL, No. 3-45 La Salle; the Reverend F. O. Seamans, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.
CLIFTON HEIGHTS; the Reverend E. J. Brown, Pastor-II a. m., 'Christ a Praicher'; \$ p. m., 'Observing the Hand of Ged.'
FERGUSON; the Reverent M. V. P. Yenman, Pastor-Morning and evening services as usual.
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The Reverend John While, Pastor-Mass at 8
and 10 a. m.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS, No. 201 East Grand;
the Reverend Puttick M. Tallon, Pastor-Mass
at 6, 8, 9 and 10 a. m.; vespers, 7:20 p. m.

SACIED HEART, University, Noar TwentyBith; the Reverend James McCabe, PastorMass, 5:20, 7, 8:20 and 10 a. m.; vespers, 7:20
p. m. p. m.
VISCATION, Taylor and Easton; the Reverend
E. J. Hempsey, Postor-Mass, 6, 7:30, 3 and
19:30 a. m.; vespers, 3:30 p. m.
HOLLY ANGELS: St. Ange and La Salle; the
leverend F. M. Kielty, Pastor-Mass, 6, 7, 8:30
and 19 a. m.; vespers, 3:30 p. m.
HOLLY ROSARY, Newstead and Margaretts; the
Decrease 11: J. Layery, Pastor-Mass, at 6, 3 p. m.
ADV 69 GOOD COUNSEL, Eleventh and Des-trelian; the Roverend P. O'Donobne, Paster-Mass, 7 and 18 a. m.; vespers, 3 p. m.
ADV 69 MOUNT CARMEL, Church and Hail's Evrry Roads; the Reverend D. S. Flis-len, Lastor-Alme, 7,39 and 19,39 a. m.; veston. Passes Ames, 1.30 and Passes Passes, 1.30 and Passes Passes, 1.30 pc. 10.

AIV OF PERPETUAL SUCCOR (German), Linton and Twentieth; the Reverend Augustino J. Schilling, 1 astor—Mass, 5:20, 8 and 19 a. m.; ven re. 2.20 p. m.;

pers, 7:30 p. m., page mass, power in, vessel.

C. ANN'S, Page and Whittier; the Reverend O. J. McDonnid, Pastor—Mass, 6, 7:33, 9, 19:39 a. m., vespers, 7:39 p. m.

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AUGUSTINE'S (German, Lismore and Helect; the Reverend H. A. Hukestein, Pastor—Mass, 9, 8 and 19 a. m.; vespers, 2:30 p. m.

ANTHONY'S (Syrlo-Maronite), No. 518 South become; the Reverend George Emmanuel, Pastor—Mass, 9 a. m. Second: the Reverend George Emmander,
107—Mass, 9 a. m.
17. BERNARD'S, Hawk and Gratiot: the Rev18. BERNARD'S, German), Michigan and Schirmer; the Reverend H. Nieters, Pastor-Mass,
18. 8 and 19. a. m.; vespers, 2.30 p. m.
17. BRIDGET'S, Carr and Jefferson; the Rev18. BRIDGET'S, Carr and Mulianphy; the
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end, Charles Ziegler, Paster-Mass, 5:39, 1, 2:39 and 16:29 a.m.; vespers, 7:29 p. m.

ST. MARK'S EYANGELIST, Page and Academy; the Reverend Feter J. O'Hourke, Paster-Mass, 6:29, 7:48, 9 and 16:59 a. m.

T. MARY'S (German), Third and Gratiot; the Reverend W. Facher, Paster-Mass, 6, 8 and 16 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; benediction

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.

The Unjust Steward. (Luke xvi,

Prepared for The Republic by J. E. Gilbert, D. P., Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

INTROPUCTION—Many expositors have found much difficulty in attempting to interpret the Scripture appointed for to-day's lesson. Some of them, Cajetan for example, have declared that the sense was obscure, and have abandoned all hope of sofution. These schotars fell into one serious mistake—they supposed that the parable was related by Jesus to set forth something in the steward which he desired to commend to his disciples. Whereas, his object was just the reverse—to exhibit a course of life from which he would deliver them. The passing must be divided into two parts. The dirst part, verses 1 to 8, the parable, exhibits a man who is unfaithful to his employer. The second part, verses 9 to 12, contains the practical advice or lastruction of Jesus suggested by the parable, designed to secure faithfulness in business on the part of his followers. The concrete negative is followed by the abstract positive. The two taken to gether make an admirable aldress on a Christian man's obligation to be upright in all secular matters. Probably the subject is treated here more completely than in any other portion of God's work.

DISMISSED (Verses 1 and 2)—The steward of a rich man was summarily, elischarged for dishonesty. Evidently he had been greatly trusted. As was customary in Eastern countries he had general charge of all things, acting freely, without direction of his bord. (Gen. xi, 46). So great was the confidence imposed that no supervision was exercised, and it was a long time before his wrongdoing became known. He had taken advantage of his opportunity and used the property of his capital, he known what to them was a cause of scandal. The propletor called his faithless employe openly accused him of his fault, required a settlement of affairs and announced his dismissal from service. The guity man had been overtaken and punished. (Numb. xxxii, 12) Sin always brings a mun to great extended on the control of the sum

order to gain such friendship should lower their standards of right, or fall into ways that are bad; certainly he does not mean that they shall resort to trickery or fraud. He urges merely that they shall cultivate the good-will of people who are not church members, which they can do if no better way than by proving themselves thorough Christians. A man of the world admires a good man-bonors him. And Jesus gives a reason for his advice—that when the believer is unfortunate he may be received into the abiding homes of the rich; that is, he may be cared for.

INTRUSTED (Verses 10 to 12)—That the foregoing is the true meaning of Jesus in verse 9 will appear more clearly in what he says in verses 10, 11 and 12. He comes out here in the plainest terms and commends faithfulness by several allusions. First, one must be careful of the little things. If one learn to be untrue there he will be untrue in great things, Here is advice touching the secret of most temptations. Second, these earthly or temporal things bear a direct relation to heavenly and eternal things. Failing in the handling of the former prevents the securing of the latter. Man's constitution is such that he blunts those powers that look downward. Who will he able to correct the injury thus effected? Third, faithlessness in regard to what belongs to another man prevents a due estimate of what belongs to one's self, and therefore diminishes the value of one's possessions. Who will be able to overcome this law in human nature? All these three directions strike at the very secret springs of action and suggest what is of supreme importance in all intercourse with men. The elaboration of the instruction would be attended with much profit.

and susgest what is of supreme importance in all intercourse with men. The elaboration of the instruction would be attended with much profit.

DIVIDED (Verse 13.)—Now comes one of those remarkable sentences in which Jesus shows his insight into human nature and his acquaintance with the philosophy of right living. "No man can serve two masters," etc. Of course he cannot. The assertion is a truism. Here it has two purposes. The unjust steward could not serve the rich man who employed him and the Manmon, which he loved. His divided heart caused him to break down. So every man who attempts to work for another must remember that he must regard the other's interest, and so truly serve him. If he does not he will fall, and sooner or later he will come into trouble. Here is the law for all wage-earners. In like manner the Christian must remember that he is to serve Christ alone. (I Cor. x. 11.) That consist eration will be a uniform corrective. Now and ways to serve God. And he who goes with a supreme desire to accumulate property (I Tim. vi, 9) is certain to forget God, fall into sin and end in trouble. An undivided heart, loyal to its lawful master, s. the safe regulator and guide of human conduct.

CONCLUSION—Our lesson pertains to the everyday life of a follower of Christ. It enjoins fattifulness to worldly trusts and honesty in money transactions. It commends the earnest seeking of friendship among the ungodiy by such noble character and innocent conduct as will win approval. It asserts that danger lies in disregarding little things and that the earthly and temporal involve the heavenly and eternal. It shows that the heart is the sent and source of the outward life and must be ringle in its alms and purposes, and that a divided heart, resulting in an attempt at double service, will bring disaster. Hereater let no one say, as some have said, that the religion of Jesus has little or no reference to the duties and relations that lie all about us in this world. Jesus came to set up here a kingdom of richteousness, an

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